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Amendments to the Specification:

Please remove the previous abstract and replace it with the following (shown in amended format) :

A file retrieval system can include a file server, a client machine, and a file transfer server. The file server, the client machine, and the file transfer server can be remotely located from each other and can each be connected to an internet. The client machine can include a Web browser, which displays a Web page associated with a URL. The client machine can convey a file request, which includes the URL, to the file transfer server. The file transfer server can establish a direct connection with the file server. At least one file associated with the URL can be conveyed over the direct connection and stored in a storage space specified by the file transfer server. The storage space can be remotely located from the client machine.

~~The presently contemplated file transfer service, for users of data communication networks like the Internet, operates as agent of respective subscribing clients to retrieve and store data files that clients are unable to instantly download to workstations currently used by them. Files stored by the transfer service are made available to respective clients when the latter are able to receive them. In one application of this, a client is unable to instantly download a large file because the computer workstation the client is then using operates at a low speed unsuited for that purpose. In other applications, the client is unable to download a file because the client's workstation is behind a firewall that effectively blocks that action. In these applications, the transfer service is useful to effectively either circumvent restrictions of the firewall, or to deliver the file to the client at a workstation that is not behind the firewall. The contemplated service retrieves and stores data files at source locations designated by client workstations, and confirms completion of these operations to the client (e.g. via an e-mail message). When the client is at a workstation able to receive files stored by the service, the client connects to the service and requests transmittal of respective files. Upon authenticating the client's identity and subscription, the transfer service makes the~~

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~~file accessible to the requesting client. A group of clients may use a single subscription to effectively allow any member of the group to initiate a file retrieval and storage operation and/or to request access to a previously retrieved and stored file.~~

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